

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A golf ball having a spherical surface wherein raised ridges which each extend to define a plurality of independent non-circular shapes delimiting predetermined areas are integrally formed on the spherical surface, wherein at least some of said raised ridges do not contact raised ridges of adjacent non-circular shapes.
2. (ORIGINAL) The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the non-circular shape is a polygonal shape.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The golf ball of claim 1 wherein a ridge extending to define a similar, smaller non-circular shape is independently located inside and/or outside the ridge extending to define a non-circular shape.
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A golf ball having a spherical surface wherein raised ridges which each extend to define a non-circular shape delimiting a predetermined area are integrally formed on the spherical surface; wherein an annular ridge is located inside and/or outside the ridge extending to define a non-circular shape.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A golf ball having a spherical surface wherein raised ridges which each extend to define a non-circular shape delimiting a predetermined area are integrally formed on the spherical surface; The golf ball of claim 1, wherein a linear ridge is independently located inside and/or outside the ridge extending to define a non-circular shape.~~

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A golf ball having a spherical surface wherein raised ridges which each extend to define a non-circular shape delimiting a predetermined area are integrally formed on the spherical surface;

wherein a chevron ridge is located inside and/or outside the ridge extending to define a non-circular shape.

7. (ORIGINAL) ~~A golf ball having a spherical surface wherein raised ridges which each extend to define a plurality of independent non-circular shapes delimiting predetermined areas are integrally formed on the spherical surface; The golf ball of claim 1~~

~~wherein the spherical surface is provided with dimples, and the dimples are formed such that a portion of the dimples extend radially inward from said spherical surface.~~

8. (ORIGINAL) The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the ridge has a top of arcuate contour.

9. (ORIGINAL) The golf ball of claim 8 wherein the arcuate contour has a radius of curvature of 0.2 to 2.0 mm.

10. (ORIGINAL) The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the ridge has a height of 0.05 to 0.4 mm from the spherical surface.

11. (ORIGINAL) The golf ball of claim 7 wherein the dimple has a depth of 0.05 to 0.4 mm from the spherical surface.

12. (ORIGINAL) The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the ridges each extending to define a non-circular shape are arranged in accordance with the spherical octahedral, icosahedral or other polyhedral pattern.

13. (ORIGINAL) The golf ball of claim 1 further comprising a ridge extending along a great circle of the ball.

14. (WITHDRAWN AND CURRENTLY AMENDED) A golf ball having a spherical surface wherein ~~annular ridges and a plurality of~~ linear ridges connecting two annular ridges are integrally formed on the spherical surface.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The golf ball of claim 14, wherein the ridge segments composed of the linear ridges connecting said two annular ridges partition the spherical surface into a number of triangular areas.